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The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
United States House of Representatives  
1705 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hoyer:

On behalf of the Institute for Responsive Education (IRE), I am writing to support H.R. 4585, the Full-Service Community Schools Act. Based on our experience working with families, communities and schools for the past 30 years, IRE believes that this legislation offers a unique set of incentives and resources to encourage everyone to work together to help our young people succeed. We especially applaud the focus on parent leadership and involvement, and would like to work with you to strengthen these provisions of the bill in the coming months.

The Institute for Responsive Education (IRE) is a research, policy, and advocacy organization that encourages and supports school, family, and community partnership to enable high quality educational opportunities for all children. We believe that schools, families, and communities all share the responsibility to improve schools and raise educational standards. To this end, we sponsor and conduct research, analyze educational policy and provide training and technical assistance to school districts, community-based organizations, parent groups, and individual school staff on creating partnerships that support positive student outcomes.

Thank you for your leadership in moving the Full Service Community Act forward.

Sincerely,

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